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ANNUAL EMPLOYEE TALKS

During the week of January 31st, T. Gordon Young, Vice President, Administration, discussed the State of the Hospital with over 630 employees. This marked the eleventh year of Employee Talks; a series of round-the-clock sessions in which employees learned about the Hospital and expressed their concerns.

This year's Talks held a sad note for all of us as we realized Mr. Young will be retiring this summer. He discussed his years at HSS, highlighting how the Hospital field has changed during his 35 years. He leaves us with great sadness but confidence in the future of HSS.

Mr. Young also discussed some of the patient questionnaires he has received throughout the year, the reimbursement picture for '77 and our budget and projected income for the new year. Highlighting the list of special events for 1976 was our own Operation Mini-Sail.

These Talks left us with confidence for the upcoming year but we will miss Mr. Young and extend our wishes to him for a rewarding new career.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

There will be a White Elephant Sale, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary for the benefit of the Nursing Scholarship Fund:

Thursday, March 31, 1977

7:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

and

11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The Sale will be held in the Third Floor Cafeteria and a special luncheon will be served that day.

Donations are needed -- bric-a-brac, costume jewelry, new knitted goods, handmade articles, yards of new fabric, skeins of wool, etc. No clothing please, except handbags, scarves, and sweaters. There will also be a cake table and a plant table.

All donations will be accepted on or after March 14, 1977 on the Sixth Floor of the Research Building. Perishable goods will be accepted on the day of the Sale in the Cafeteria.

Be sure to put your name and department on your donations.

If you have any questions, you may call:

Mrs. King (Chairman) 586-3968

Mrs. Bevan (Co-Chairman) PL9-5749
(Please call before 9:30P.M.)

FACTS ABOUT PURCHASE POWER

We are sure many HSS employees benefit from the use of Purchase Power. For those of you who have not yet used the Service, here are some results from a comparison study comparing the various Order-by-Phone buying services with Purchase Power's service.

1. 62% of the time, Purchase Power's negotiated prices were at least 5% lower than any buying service, and in the 50 items compared, the Purchase Power negotiated prices were never beaten by any of the buying services.

2. The Purchase Power system covered all brands and latest models; the buying services covered selected brands and models.

3. The name of the actual vendor is never hidden in the Purchase Power system, while most of the buying services have you write out a check to them, as though they were the vendor.

4. In the Purchase Power system, the merchandise is delivered COD, without advance deposits.

5. The merchandise is uncrated in the home rather than merely delivered at your doorstep.

If you have any questions about Purchase Power, come to the Personnel Department between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

HSS CHRISTMAS 1976

This past Christmas was a very busy and enjoyable one for employees and patients at HSS.

On Monday, December 20th, 85 outpatient children came to HSS for the annual Christmas Party. There were cupcakes to eat, magic tricks and balloons from Princess Sandra, cartoons and two funny clowns from the Barnum & Bailey Circus. Last, but not least, an appearance from Santa Claus with presents for all. If Santa looks familiar, it might be because he is Rehab. Medicine's own *Mike Kroll*. Judging from the smiles, a good time was had by all. Thanks to Dietary, Housekeeping, Mrs. Reuter and all the other Volunteers who helped to make the party such a success.

On December 22nd, the famous Ronald McDonald came to HSS to visit the children of P.S. 402, our school on the 5th Floor. Ronald also went from room to room to spread cheer to the post-operative children. Ronald performed magic tricks and told riddles and jokes while passing out cookies, puppets, and decals as souvenirs. Our "children of all ages" really enjoyed meeting the one and only Ronald McDonald.

Last, but certainly not least, the HSS Annual Christmas Sing-Along was again a huge success. The lunch was great, not to mention the punch, eggnog, and brownies, but judging from the pictures, no one was much interested in food, we were too busy singing in the holidays.

INSIDE TALK

Welcome to the following new employees:

Matthew Naimoli, Bio-Mechanics; *Ida Calagna*, *Charles Custance*, *Luis Felix*, Building Service; *Patricia Hamann*, *David Williams*, Business Office; *Roberto Martinez*, *Angel Talavera*, Communications; *Arthur Schuff*, Engineering; *Paula Taylor*, Laboratory; *Marilyn Spungin*, Medical Education; *Betty Jean Chapman*, Medical Records; *Samuel Boston*, *Heidi Glow*, *Harvey Harding*, *Christina Henry*, *Emily Kistler*, *Reuel Lownes*, *Joann Mitchell*, *Karen Trimboli*, Nursing; *Margaret Parsons*, *Joseph Stone*, *Barney Vetrovsky*, Personnel; *John Cottrell*, *Walter Swartz*, Prosthetics & Orthotics; *Patrick McKevitt*, *Eileen Reilly*, Radiology; *Frank Caliandro*, *Ellen Rader*, *Sherri Schexnayder*, *Linda Sweitzer*, Rehab. Medicine.

Welcome back to *Sandra Wilczewski*, Laboratory, and *Bernice Brown*, Nursing.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to *Marilyn Bierer*, Radiology, on her promotion to Senior X-Ray Technician.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to *Alexander Joseph*, Laboratory, on the birth of his son, Jason, on January 21, 1977.

DEATHS

Deepest sympathy to *Margaret Hericz*, formerly of Building Service, on the death of her husband. Mrs. Hericz retired on February 1, 1977.

OTHER NEWS

The Annual Blood Drive was held January 4th and 5th, 1977. Unfortunately, this year's 180 pints was far below last year's 290 pints. We did meet our quota and will have adequate coverage for the year, but let's start planning for next year so we can get back to the top.

Dr. Aaron Posner, Research, received the Kappa Delta Award from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons at their recent academy meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

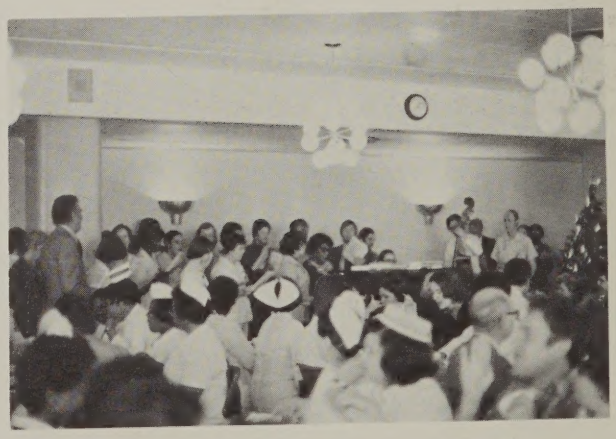
The Personnel Department has been reorganized and now includes two Personnel Assistants. *Margaret Parsons* is available to all employees with questions or problems in the Nursing and Medical Support departments. *Barney Vetrovsky* will do the same for employees in the Administrative and Fiscal Services, General Support and Research departments.

They will also handle the publication of the R & C and would like HSS employees to join in. Please contact the Personnel Department if you would be interested in working on the R & C.

Santa "Michael Kroll" and clowns entertain children.

Ronald McDonald has all of P.S. 402 spellbound.

Miss Smith and Miss Fuller served the refreshments.



Mr. Young and employees sing-along.

Mary Ann Richardson sings a solo.

"The Band" -- Tom McMenamy Joe Lukas, Angel Cuadrado & Zdenek Skala.

Everyone was singing.

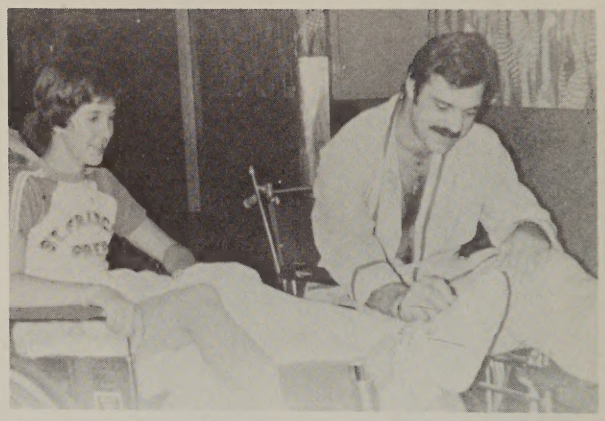
"GIANTS" COME TO 5 SOUTH

The children of P.S. 402 M., our school on the Fifth Floor, wanted very much to meet HSS's famous patients, *Giants* football stars -- Larry ("Zonk") Csonka and Tom ("Moon") Mullin.

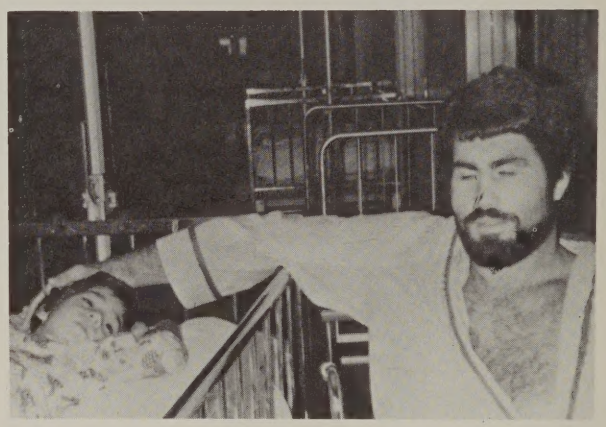
So, as a class project, the students wrote letters and made cards which were sent to the temporary "sidelines" in room 622.

The first response to the cards and letters was the arrival of two huge baskets of fruit from Mr. Csonka and Mr. Mullin. Then, not only did the students get their wish, but much more! The *Giants* stars went from room to room visiting the children and later returned with N.Y. Sunday News photographer, Anthony Casale, who took many shots of the children receiving autographs and talking to "Zonk" and "Moon".

Needless to say, it was an exciting end to the school letter-writing project.



Larry Csonka and Friend



Tom Mullin and Friend

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